

..... **Daily Devotions**

Devotions – January 25-31, 2015
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Sunday, January 25

Text: I Corinthians 13:4a
Love is patient and kind.

O God, you have enabled me to love by first loving me. Grant that I may express your love today in patience and kindness. When someone drives too slowly in front of me, takes too much time in line, is rude, or talks too much, help me to respond with patience which will help me to forgive.

Move my hands and open my lips in kindness to those that may need your love through my ministry today. Guide my hands and lips so they may see in me Christ's love that abides in me. Amen.



Monday, January 26

Text: I Corinthians 13:4
Love is... not jealous or boastful.

Lord God, Heavenly King, from whom comes all good things. You have given me talents, faith, love, and forgiveness. Grant that I may receive them in thanksgiving and use all that you have given me in humble service. Give me grace to recognize the talents of those around me, and to appreciate your goodness in them. May no jealousy or boastfulness come between me and those I encounter daily that I may encourage others with the love that unites your creation to you. Amen.



Tuesday, January 27

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:4-5
Love is... not arrogant or rude.

Lord Jesus Christ, when you suffered you did not threaten harm in return, when you were mocked, you did not mock back. May you cleanse me so that I may never be arrogant or rude.

Fill me with your love so that in every situation I am in today, and with every person I meet, there may be an opportunity to live the Good News. Keep my heart focused on your love, and not love of myself, so that arrogance and rudeness may not be a stumbling block in my relationships with my brothers and sisters. Amen.



Wednesday, January 28

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:5a

Love does not insist on its own way.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have the words of eternal life. Guide me by your Spirit that I may not insist on my own way in opposition to your will or to those through whom you speak. Give me wisdom to witness today that your ways are not my ways, and your thoughts are not my thoughts, but only through the Spirit to conform me in your image. Through the people I encounter today, help me listen for your Word through others. Amen.



Thursday, January 29

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:5b

Love is not irritable or resentful.

Create in me a clean heart O God; renew a right spirit within me. As I live this day from when I rise to when I slumber, cast out irritability and resentment that would stand between you and me and between me and your children. Make me humble so that I may walk faithfully this day and not let the burdens of my life that make me irritable and resentful mask the joy of your Gospel. Amen.



Friday, January 30

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:7a

Love bears all things...

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just words come, give to me that peace which the world cannot give, that my heart may be set to obey your commandments. Fill

me with love and strength that I may help bear some of the burdens of others. Grant me humility to share my burden with those who walk beside me in faith. You have freed me from the burden of my sin on the cross; in my forgiveness I willingly help others this day. Amen.



Saturday, January 31

Text: I Corinthians 13:8a
Love never ends.

O Most holy Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: Guard my life and deliver me. Though I witness change every day, make still my heart to know that your love always surrounds me and will never depart. Strengthen my faith in your eternal glory and power, that in the confidence of your promise I will live today for your glory as I love and serve my neighbor. Amen.

